

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9 and 10 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9 and 10 are rejected.

Claims 5-7 are found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claims have been amended herein to include the features of allowable claim 5. Claims 4, 6 and 7 now depend from claim 1.


Claims 1, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanimoto in view of McGarvey (U.S. 5,777,989, and claims 2-4 are deemed unpatentable over Tanimoto and McGarvey as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Hart (U.S. 5,752,003).

It is respectfully submitted the rejections are traversed.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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